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June 22, 2004
Subject: Abbot
Project No. BH-1007(200)X
PIN: 10072.00
Bid Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following change to your bid package:

Delete in its entirety "Special Provision Section 652 Maintenance of Traffic (Work Zone Traffic Control)" dated May 4, 2004, one page, and replace with the attached "Special Provision Section 652 Maintenance of Traffic (Work Zone Traffic Control)" dated June 15, 2004, one page.

The Department has received the following Request for Information:

Question: There is a note on the Right-of-Way map, sheet 34 of 35, that says "Area within designated limits is not available to contractor until March 1, 2005." The detour appears to go through this area. There is nothing in the spec section 107 or 510 about time limitations or restrictions, please clarify.

Answer: The note is correct. The detour does go through the area. The intent of the June 04 Advertise allows adequate time for the agency permitted instream portions of the detour to be constructed this year. The 2005 construction season will result in the actual detour completion, traffic switch, and "new" bridge construction impacts (particularly in the commercial section of the project) to be limited to one season only.

Question: Please clarify the last paragraph of Special Provision 652 "Maintenance of Traffic". Does this really mean that all of the roadwork outside and including the limits of the detour has to be completed between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM? Does this also include paving?

Answer: Roadwork outside and including the limits of the detour does not have to be completed between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. This includes paving. The night time window is to allow the contractor flexibility in short term operations that may require lane restriction, such as erection or material delivery.

Question: If the contractor is not allowed to weld or drill the steel beams available for the temporary detour, how can the contractor supply diaphragms for the steel to eliminate the skew as detailed?



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Answer: The MDOT supplied beams have two sets of connections plates for attaching diaphragms. One set of connection plates is for a skewed bridge and the other set of connection plates is for a bridge with no skew. The Contractor supplied diaphragms need to be bolted to the existing connection plates which already have holes drilled in them. The holes in the ends of the Contractor supplied diaphragms need to match the hole pattern and hole size in the connection plates on the MDOT supplied steel beams.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on
June 23, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford", written in a cursive style.

For

Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer

SPECIAL PROVISION
SECTION 652
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
(Work Zone Traffic Control)

Work Zone Traffic Control, including the Contractor's Traffic Control Plan, Traffic Control Supervisor, furnishing, installation and maintenance of traffic control devices, will be measured as one lump sum for all work authorized and performed; except for flaggers. Flaggers will be paid for under item 652.38 measured by the Man Hour, measured to the nearest ¼ hour.

Flaggers will be needed to control traffic when large delivery trucks need to access to Trafton's Store (station 2+350 left). Typically large delivery trucks make deliveries to Trafton's Store every other day. When these large delivery trucks are entering or exiting the Trafton's Store parking lot, both lanes of traffic will be blocked off for a few minutes.

Failure by the contractor to follow the Contract 652 Special Provision and/or The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) will result in a reduction in the payment, computed by reducing the lump sum total by 2% per occurrence. The Resident will provide the Traffic Control Supervisor with a written warning of a possible occurrence. The written warning from the Resident will be date and time stamped. The Contractor will have a maximum of four hours to fix the problem. The start of the four (4) hour correction window is based on the time on the written warning from the Resident. **If the problem is not corrected, then an occurrence has taken place, and a reduction in payment of the lump sum total of 2% will occur.** The Department reserves the right to suspend the work and request a meeting to discuss violations and remedies.

The Contractor shall be allowed the option of closing the road down to a single lane (12' wide min.) of traffic during the night from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Flaggers or a temporary traffic signals shall be used to maintain traffic during the night when the road is reduced to only one lane.